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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 5, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments to place the application in form for allowance. Submitted herewith are 1) a Request for Continued Examination with fee by credit card; 2) a copy of the publication of Glazov et al., The Plant Journal, 35:342-349 (2003); 3) sequence of AF531179 from Genbank and 4) sequence of AAO33765 from Genbank.